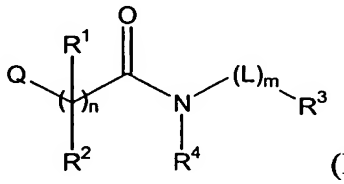
ABSTRACT

ADAMANTYL ACETAMIDES AS 11-BETA HYDROXYSTEROID DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS



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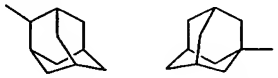
the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein n represents an integer being 1 or 2; R^1 and R^2 each independently represents hydrogen C_{1-4}alkyl, NR^9R^{10}, C_{1-4}alkyloxy; or R^1 and R^2 taken together with the carbon atom with which they are attached form a C_{3-6}cycloalkyl; and where n is 2, either R^1 or R^2 may be absent to form an unsaturated bond; R^3 represents a C_{6-12}cycloalkyl, preferably selected from cylo-octanyl and cyclohexyl or R^3 represents a monovalent radical having one of the following formulae



(a) (b)

wherein said C_{6-12}cycloalkyl or monovalent radical may optionally be substituted with one, or where possible two, three or more substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, halo or hydroxy; Q represents Het^1 or Ar^2 wherein said C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, Het^1 or Ar^2 are optionally substituted with one or where possible two or more substituents selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, hydroxy, nitro, NR^5R^6, C_{1-4}alkyloxy substituted with one or where possible two, three or more substituents each independently selected from hydroxycarbonyl, Het^2 and NR^7R^8, and C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with one or where possible two or three halo substituents, preferably trifluoromethyl; R^5 and R^6 each independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with phenyl; R^7 and R^8 each independently represent hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl; R^9 and R^{10} each independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl; L represents C_{1-4}alkyl; Het^1 represents a heterocycle selected from pyridinyl, thiophenyl, or 1,3-benzodioxolyl; Het^2 represents piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or morpholinyl; Ar^2 represents phenyl, naphtyl or indenyl.